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A vote for youth and the future

THE School Committees of Dale College and Dale Junior have decided that Dale should move with the times, in tune with the changes occurring in South Africa today, but with caution.

D-Day is near for Dale parents to choose whether the two schools should admit boys of other races to its classrooms and hostels.

Dale College and Dale Junior parents are to vote by secret ballot on November 8 whether to back their school committees on opening their doors to selected blacks, Indians and coloureds.

The committees have opted for a proposal that Dale College and Dale Junior remain government schools with the right to determine their own admission policy and their own criteria for admission.

This is the Government's Model B option for open schools.

The headmasters and staff of both schools strongly favour the proposal provided the schools' high standards are safeguarded.

There has been overwhelming support for conditional mixed schooling by Dale parents at meetings in King William's Town and Cape Town.

The Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Piet Clase, has insisted on an 80 per cent poll. Only a 72 per cent "Yes" vote of the total parent body will be acceptable.

For this reason parents are being strongly urged to exercise their right to vote and to give the school committees a mandate to adopt the Model B option.

Parents of boys leaving school at the end of 1990 are advised in Dale's long-term interests not to duck the issue by abstaining from voting.

This edition of TransDale focuses on the open school issue. The reasons why parents should support their committees are explained by the two headmasters and the chairman of the Dale College School Committee.

They have opted for a forward-looking policy with safeguards and they deserve parents' support — in the interests of both schools and the boys.

A strong argument for accepting the Model B option is that it is better for the schools to open their doors now on their own terms. If Dale were later forced to open, it could face a much larger influx which could change its character. Other positive arguments include:

- * Through careful selection Dale could attract more boys of top quality. This could ease the numbers crisis facing both schools. Hostels could be run at full capacity and the threat of any closing averted.

- * The schools could make more productive use of their facilities. Greater numbers would bring in more income and help keep fees down.

- * The schools could become more competitive in relation to other schools, with higher academic, cultural and sporting standards.

In short, far from leading to a drop in standards a properly directed open school policy could in time improve them.

* Perhaps most importantly, an open school on these terms will give Daliens an opportunity to grow up in a non-racial environment and help prepare them for the new South Africa.

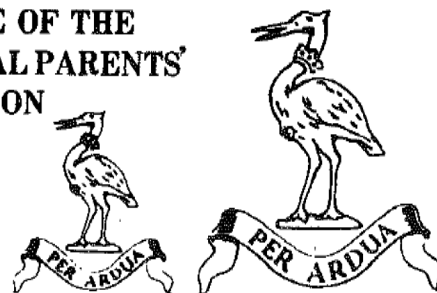
Now is the time for ALL parents to vote for their children's future. As the staff and school committee of Dale Junior so aptly put it:

"Let us have the courage of our convictions and do what we know is right — right for our children and right for our country."

"THE YOUTH ARE THE ONLY HOPE FOR SOUTH AFRICA. LET US NOT SHUT THAT DOOR."

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The Tvl Dale parents' committee for 1990-91

HERE is the new committee of the Transvaal Dale Parents' Association elected at the 1990 annual general meeting.

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Why we should support an open Dale

NEVILLE WOOLLGAR, a front-runner in the drive for open schools, believes that traditional schools like Dale and KHS have a definite future in the new South Africa — because of the tradition and standards they maintain.

Neville, chairman of the Dale College and KHS School Committees and a member of the Cape Provincial Education Council, told TransDale:

“We have a major role to play if we are allowed to set our own standards and select our own pupils and teachers.

If, of course, our standards are challenged we will fight and we will not accept anything that does not conform.

Our traditions are a drawcard to people from other race groups who want to be part of them.

We believe — and that is why I have been pushing for open schools — that if we are allowed

● BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DALE COLLEGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

to admit pupils of acceptable quality now and let them develop in our traditions they will strengthen our traditions.

If one plays the numbers game — say we admit another 15 per cent — we can do so selectively, so that we will in fact enrol top students. This will filter through the whole school and our traditions will become theirs also.

If we wait until we are forced to open, we will face an influx of a vast number that will polarise. If we are allowed to introduce now and allow the students coming in to grow up in our traditions they will find them as meaningful as we do.

Let me just emphasise: our standards are not

negotiable.

Dale has a specific role to play in the open schools issue because of its geographical position, which is in a unique situation being so close to Bisho and Ciskei.

Dale is perceived to be a leader in almost every aspect of education — academic, sporting and cultural. Many schools try to emulate our traditions. It is not our intention to be trail-blazers, but it is so important for the benefit of the school that we open now on our own terms.

In any event, it is important in a changing South Africa for our children to grow up with each other in a non-racial society.

Let's face it: many of them will attend all-race educational institutions when they matriculate. Is it not better for them to learn to deal with the situation while they are younger and still at school?

X Dale gears up for vital poll

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, is the date set for a referendum on the burning issue of open schools. Parents nation-wide will be asked to support a proposal that Dale remain a government school with the right to open its doors to boys of other race groups. School committees would be allowed discretion on whom to admit with strict safeguards to maintain standards.

Dale has acted fast to prepare parents for the ballot. Ivor Penny, a Dale College parent and a prominent King William's Town businessman, is the campaign manager with a team of 20 canvassing parents in and immediately outside King.

He is being assisted by Mick Paterson, Vice Principal, representing the staff, and Rodney Breetzke of the Old Dalian executive.

The Headmaster of Dale College, Malcom Andrew, will be visiting the Transvaal and Natal. He has already been to Cape Town where he received a positive response from a good attendance of 28 parents.

"They were happy provided admission is conditional and standards are maintained," he said.

He will be in Johannesburg on October 31 to attend a meeting of Transvaal parents to explain the issue facing them. Prior postal votes will be accepted there.

Dale Junior has thoroughly researched the open schools issue. Its campaign committee, headed by Keith Mathee, a King William's Town parent and advocate, has sounded out parents in a pre-election opinion poll. It is canvassing negative and doubtful voters.

The Headmaster, Roger Budler, has urged parents not to wait till November 8 before voting. Special votes can be cast at the school. A full briefing on the issue has been sent out to parents, including those in the Transvaal.

These moves follow the announcement on September 10 by the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Piet Clase, allowing white schools to consider three models for admitting pupils of other races:

MODEL A: A State school could go private with full autonomy to decide its admission policy. Its subsidy would be 45 per cent of the school's operating costs. Remaining costs per pupil are estimated at R2 520 a year.

MODEL B: State schools could remain under

The shape of Dale to come? Black and white pupils mingle happily in a multi-racial South African school . . .



By JOE SUTTON

the department, retain existing subsidies and admit other races of their choice. But no financial provision would be made for additional facilities, accommodation and transport.

MODEL C: Schools could become State-aided with reduced subsidies. The State would pay staff salaries — about 75 per cent of operating costs. Remaining costs per pupil would be about R900 a year. Greater autonomy would be allowed.

Under each model most pupils would have to be white and the Minister would have the final say on whether the school could change its status. Parents can also maintain the all-white system as it is today.

Apart from the two Dales, three King schools, KHS, De Vos Malan and Central Primary, asked the department for the right to poll and follow Model B.

The Minister has insisted on an 80 per cent poll and that only a 72 per cent "Yes" vote of the total parent body will be acceptable.

"This is an extraordinary high figure," says Dale College Headmaster Malcom Andrew. "That is why every parent must vote."

Model B has been supported by the staff and by

an overwhelming number of parents who attended a PTA meeting in King in September.

Altogether 155 parents from the King area were present. They were shocked by the estimated costs of implementing Models A and C.

But in a secret ballot 94,9 per cent of parents voted to back Model B. There were 144 in favour, one abstention and eight against.

A meeting of Dale Junior parents produced a similar result. 93,7 per cent of parents at the meeting voted for Model B.

But Headmaster Budler said: "Although we achieved a big majority we will have great difficulty in reaching out to parents beyond King William's Town. But I do not think it is impossible for us to gain the majority we need."

He said his school committee felt Model B was the most acceptable option as Dale Junior would remain a State school but would have a say over who would be enrolled.

Mr Budler said Dale Junior had received more than 200 applications from black, coloured and Indian pupils. Many of these were high-quality boys attending English-speaking private schools in the Eastern Cape.

Dale Junior was in an advantageous position of being able to be most selective.

Preparing for tomorrow X We'll do it our way . . .

THESE are some of the arguments put forward by the staff and School Committee of Dale Junior for supporting the Model B option, a State school free to determine its own enrolment and admission policy:

- * Dale Junior would operate at 100 per cent of its capacity and capabilities.

- * We would be doing our educational duty to educate and prepare our boys for the South Africa of tomorrow — this by allowing and fostering racial and cultural mixing.

- * We would be far more competitive on the market place — our results would be even better than at present.

- * More numbers and greater income would minimise the need for fees to escalate.

- * We would be enrolling boys at present in English-speaking schools following the same syllabus as that of our boys.

- * This would allow for cultural and language enrichment and enrichment of a diversity of talent and potential.

- * We have spoken to many black and Indian parents — high calibre people who share the same dreams and ideals that we have for our children.

- * We are envied by other schools, because of our geographical position — we have an abundant top-quality talent in our area.

- * A full hostel would keep fees as low as possible.

- * Standards will not drop — as long as we are in a position to be selective. Pupils must understand and speak English and be of comparative age to their class peers. They must take part actively in the school programme — there is no room for passive negative pupils. Pupils must pay their fees.

- * As long as we develop proud, well-balanced and positive Dilians, does it matter what colour they are?

- * Let us not be negative and lack courage — we need to see only the positive, have the courage of our convictions and do what we know is right — right for our children and right for our country school?

EXPLAINING Dale College's attitude to the issue, Headmaster Andrew told TransDale:

The School Committee believes that with parental approval we would like to go down the road of open schools under the Cape Education Department. We are not going private.

But this will be under our own rules — with no interference on standards required for acceptance, quantities or the rate of assimilation. We want to be left alone to make these decisions ourselves.

Already Dale has had about 60 applications for admission from black, Indian and coloured pupils. Ten of these are of outstanding quality, excelling at present in English-speaking schools. We are looking for quality and under no circumstances are the high standards of Dale going to be compromised.

We are in favour of this move provided it is done in an orderly fashion.

There has to be a standardised entrance examination. There already is a Human Sciences Research Council exam for every standard.

What would be the criteria?

- * A boy must show that on age, ability and potential he can hold his own in an academic high school.

- * Pupils have to be of a similar age level to boys in the same class and come from homes which are comfortable in the English language and accept the school rules as they are.

- * Dale is a school with Christian standards based on an English public school ethos. This is not negotiable. We are as we are. Don't ask us to change.

If we see open schools in this context I think we can do something valuable and meaningful.

I feel that in the light of what the State President is doing all we can do (on this issue) is to support him. We don't have a choice.

This can make Dale a lot stronger and get high school pupils relating to people of other races earlier and give them a flying start to life.

Woollgar: Lawyer with a passion for education — and his old school

KEEPING Dale great is important to dedicated Old Dalian and parent Neville Woollgar. And he believes that one way to ensure this is for Dale to "go open" — provided the school's traditional standards are not lowered.

As a member of the Cape Educational Council for three years, this urbane King William's Town attorney has been a front-runner in the development and debate on the open schools issue.

He believes that Dale College has a major role to play in the new South Africa if it can open its doors to boys of other races now on its own terms.

Who is this quietly-spoken man who has devoted such a large slice of his life to the cause of Dale and education? What inspires him?

He has served on the Dale School Committee since 1969 and been chairman for 12 years. He is also chairman of the Kaffrarian High School Committee and of the School Board in King William's Town. He is on several other committees associated with education outside King.

Neville Woollgar, now 50 and a partner in a well-established King law firm, matriculated from Dale in 1957. He and his family are inextricably linked with Dale and its sister school, KHS.

At Dale he was a star sportsman. His son Barry, who matriculated from Dale in 1981, has followed in his footsteps. Both were school prefects and members of teams that won the Athlone Shield — Border's most coveted school swimming trophy.

Both Woollgars took to the cricket field — Barry was an SA Perm Week (junior provincial) player and his dad was a first team cricketer at school.

Barry gave up cricket to concentrate on swimming, obtaining honours at school and Border colours. Neville was Dale's No 1 squash player in his day and a member of the athletics squad and the first rugby team.

Barry took another step in his dad's direction when he studied for a B Comm degree at Rhodes University, Grahamstown. He went on to complete his LLB and now works with his father.

There are strong roots for a Woollgar branch of the Dale family tree. Neville's sister married an Old Dalian, Sam Rowles, whose Old Dalian brother Billy was Headmaster of Dale in the sixties and seventies.

Their father, E W "Drollie" Rowles, was a stalwart teacher and housemaster at Dale in the

NEVILLE and
LYNETTE . . .
close family
links with
Dale and KHS



By TRACI MACKIE

thirties and forties and secretary of the Old Dalian Union for many years.

Neville even kept Dale in the family when true to tradition he married an old KHS girl he dated in his matric year. Her father, Cecil Ehrke, attended Dale too as did her brother Trevor.

Marrying a girl from Dale's sister school has made serving the college easier. Said Neville: "Women are not as sentimental about tradition as men but Lynette understands the strong connections I have with the school because she too has grown up in that environment."

"We are both very proud of the two schools which has made it easier to serve them."

Neville is himself a "KHS old girl" — he attended the school in his Sub A and Sub B years. The Woollgars' daughter Sharon matriculated from KHS in 1983 and Lynette Woollgar's mother is an old KHS girl.

"My involvement in education just snowballed," Neville said. "I was asked to serve on the Dale School Committee when Barry was in Sub A. I started making a contribution and became heavily involved."

Apart from his King connections he has been a member of the Rhodes University Council since 1975, a member of its executive committee and its joint planning committee, secretary of the executive committee of the Border region of the Federation of School Committees and a member of the Cape Provincial Advisory Committee for Teacher Training.

The Cape Education Council, which Neville joined when it was formed in 1987, advises the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Piet Clase, and his department on education affairs. Neville represents Border school committees on the council.

Why education? "I suppose I haven't had time for other committees," he said. But with not much time Neville Woollgar is chairman of the British Kaffrarian Savings Bank board, a director of Unibank Ltd, a director of the Ciskei Small Business Corporation and an executive member of the Border Kidney Association. He has served on the King William's Town valuation court and attorneys' association and been a member of both the Hospital Board and the Kaffrarian Museum Board.

Neville has been to the Transvaal a number of times to represent Dale, especially in 1973 during his year as National President of the ODU.

From his experience, he said, it was difficult to find words to express what Transvaal parents do for the school.

"One just runs out of adjectives. What they do is incredible. They are a terribly important link, the most important outside King. It is difficult to conceive how they retain that sort of interest so far away."

Being an Old Dalian is important to Neville Woollgar, who takes a tremendous pride in his old school. He says it is the greatest in the country.

"I have an interest in keeping Dale great," he said. "I have participated in the organisation of Dale for so long. I have seen many aspects of the school improve and have taken part in shaping some of them. I have a tremendous sense of pride in being part of the Dale Family. I can't tell you of the sense of belonging."

"There are no other schools quite like it. There are some very good schools in South Africa, but Dale just has something special."

* Even when it comes to relaxing this Old Dalian does not exclude the college. He travels all over the Eastern Cape to watch Dale rugby teams in action. He is a keen golfer and enjoys to listen to music.

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Reunion win was 'magic' for brave Bruce

By **STUART SUTTON**

who was at Presby with Bruce Holmes

FORMER Dale rugby star Bruce Holmes, victim of a tragic car accident which left him brain damaged and partly paralysed, made a sentimental journey to King William's Town this year to visit the school and the playing fields he loves.

His visit was one of the most poignant aspects of the 1990 Dale Reunion. Confined to a wheelchair, 22-year-old Bruce was helped around the Dale campus by former classmates Stellios "George" Georgio and Andrea "Effie" Efstratio.

Bruce made the trip with his mother Marlene and her friend Ron Churcher. While in King they stayed with the Efstratio family who made them feel really at home, says Mrs Holmes.

Proudly wearing his Old Dalian blazer, Bruce joined in as the Reunion weekend got started at the assembly in the Hallowed Courtyard. Afterwards, as people gathered for a cup of tea, Bruce was greeted by friends and well-wishers.

Bruce's friends kept him well entertained over the weekend. Among other things he was taken to a party at the Alberts Cricket Club. He also paid a nostalgic visit to his old hostel, Paterson House.

He and George, both Presby prefects in their matric year, dropped in to see their former matron, Mrs Vockerodt. The kitchen staff were delighted to see Bruce again.

But undoubtedly the highlight of Bruce's weekend was the thrashing dished out by Dale to their traditional rivals, Queens. Bruce, who played first team rugby for four years, could never have anticipated this resounding victory of 33 points to nil — a result unequalled against Queens in 60 years!

Bruce is a staunch Old Dalian. With his life turned upside down, he holds his memories of

BRUCE in wheelchair (right) with his friend GEORGE at Reunion . . . I Love Dale



Dale very dear. Red and black are his favourite colours. Even his wheelchair, purchased from a fund set up by former classmates, is customised in red and black. And it carries a proud sticker, proclaiming: I Love Dale!

And for Bruce, who knows he'll never play rugby again, the memories of his days in the first team are especially treasured.

When he was still living in Witbank, his bedroom walls were lined with his old first team photographs: 1984, 1985, not Bruce's favourite picture as he sat crosslegged on the floor, alone in the front row, 1986, and in his post-matric year, 1987!

At fullback and later on the wing, Bruce

earned a reputation for gutsy and exciting play. He was awarded colours in '85, '86 and '87 and represented Border in his matric year.

As a first team stalwart, it's little wonder that Bruce revelled in his side's decisive victory over Queens. He had just one word to describe it: "Magic!"

Bruce and his mum left in July for Britain for further treatment and therapy and they may settle there. Bruce wasn't certain if the move would be long term or short term. But he made one point clear: "Reunion was Brilliant! If I'm in the country next year, I'll be there!"

After all, as Bruce says of his time at Dale: "These were the best years of my life."

The tragic rugby star who won't give up

THE Bruce Holmes story is a tragic one. It is a tale of courage — that of Bruce and of his mother who refused to give up on him. It carries a message of guts and determination. But although it raises hopes of Bruce's rehabilitation, the future is clouded in uncertainty.

Two years ago Bruce had everything going for him. He had matriculated from Dale and was studying for a career in marketing, when a motor accident changed his life.

On Kruger Day, October 10 1988, Bruce was driving a few friends to the Eastern Cape resort of

Christmas Rock when his car left the road and crashed through a caravan. His passengers escaped relatively unscathed, but Bruce was severely injured.

Unconscious, Bruce was rushed to Frere Hospital, East London, and placed in intensive care. The diagnosis was bad. He had lost the right frontal lobe of his brain. The doctor didn't give him more than 24 hours to live.

Even in a coma, Bruce clung to life. "He's a fighter," said the doctor later. Mrs Marlene Holmes, whose husband died seven years ago of

cancer, left her Witbank home to be at her son's bedside. The coma continued for more than two months and Mrs Holmes stayed in East London, visiting her son daily.

Bruce was fed intravenously on liquid foods and lost a lot of weight and strength.

But by late December he showed signs of coming out of his coma. Mrs Holmes decided to take him home. With a pipe in his throat to help him breathe, Bruce was flown to Johannesburg. At the Witbank Hospital he weighed in at a mere 37kgs, a shadow of the nuggetty rugby star he once was.

About three months after the accident the coma was broken and Bruce awoke to face the world. Stage One of his recovery had been achieved. But the extent of the damage caused by the accident was revealed.

Bruce's mental faculties were severely impaired; he suffered from amnesia and could not talk. As his family doctor put it, he had the mind of a one year old. There were doubts that he would ever talk again. The left side of his body was paralysed and he could not walk.

A long struggle lay ahead.

Bruce spent three months at Edenvale Hospital, near Johannesburg, where he was treated by neurosurgeons. Those early days were a time of frustration for him — he could hear people talk about him but was not able to respond.

Bruce's first efforts at communicating again were in sign language. He recalls the time he heard a doctor say he would never talk again. Bruce replied defiantly by holding up his extended middle finger!

Instead of putting her disabled son into a home

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FLASHBACK: Bruce in full cry on the rugby field in a game against Selborne . . . a gutsy player

Generous George wins R1 000 brick prize



OLD DALIAN pensioner George Anderson, still sprightly at 80, entered the Transvaal Dale Brick Fund contest without knowing it — and won the R1 000 prize.

Scots-born George spent one year at the Presbyterian Hostel (now Paterson House) in 1925 — the year it was founded. But he had to leave Dale when his father was transferred from Fort Beaufort to Pretoria.

He joined the Post Office and retired in 1975 after a career spanning 49 years, including 18 years in Pretoria, 17 years in Cradock and 14 at Middelburg, Cape.

George, who still lives in Middelburg with his wife Martie, does not remember much of his schooldays at Dale.

In 1925 Presby was a spanking new hostel established by the Presbyterian Church with the Mr (later the Rev) Neil "Bull" Paterson as its first warden.

WINNERS
George and
Martie
Anderson ...
he didn't
know he was
in the draw

George also recalls one fellow Presbrite, Chris Heiber, who died in Port Elizabeth a few years ago, and a master, Mr N C Dugmore, who became Headmaster of Muir College, Uitenhage.

He has had little contact with his old school but last year he felt like doing something for it as an Old Dalian.

Without knowing about the Brick Fund, organised by the Transvaal parents' association, he sent R100 to the college. Someone there thought he deserved a Dale brick and put his name on the list. Next thing he heard he had won the R1 000 prize. So he promptly sent another R100 to Dale.

George started collecting stamps as a child. He pursued his hobby until in 1926 postal employees were forbidden to collect stamps.

Ten years later he made up the orders for the Coronation stamps issued in 1937 and obtained permission to start collecting again. Now he also collects stamps for the Bible Society of South Africa.

* If you have any stamps, even the most common, George would be happy to pass them to the Bible Society. His address: Dinnet, 25 Richmond Road, Middelburg, Cape, 5900.

* George's home, Dinnet, is named after his birthplace in Scotland, which he left as a boy of six months. His wife is South African born.

Bruce moves to Britain — and hope of a new life

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Mrs Holmes chose to take him back to Witbank and care for him herself.

She and her friend Ron Churcher moved from their flat in Witbank to a new house, which after a few renovations was able to accommodate Bruce's wheelchair. Ron, whose wife died five years ago, has stood by Marlene and Bruce throughout their ordeal.

When Bruce returned home he could not do much for himself. He had only recently started learning to speak again and was gradually regaining his memory. He could not read or write, nor feed himself, shave or brush his teeth. The learning process had to start from scratch.

Over the last 18 months, Bruce has made steady progress. He can now communicate on a limited level — his speech is disjointed and monotonous, sometimes difficult to comprehend, but he gets his thoughts across.

He has regained his memory and his knowledge of current affairs is good. Progress in reading and writing has been slower. His main problem seems to be an inability to plan and initiate actions.

Bruce's physical improvement has been more limited. His left side remains paralysed and he is still restricted to his wheelchair, which he wheels around himself. Thanks to a modification, he is able to steer the wheelchair with one hand, from the right wheel.

Although still very dependent on his mum, to help him in and out of his chair and so on, Bruce has developed a degree of independence in tasks such as eating, shaving and brushing his teeth.

His greatest ambition is to walk again. In recent months he regained feeling in his left leg and he is now able to move it a little.

Living at home, Bruce made good progress. But he wasn't getting sufficient stimulation. He easily became bored with his daily routine.

On an average day, Bruce would watch TV (the sport was a daily highlight), have an afternoon sleep and go to the shops with his mum.

Mrs Holmes felt that Bruce needed to be in an environment that provided occupational therapy in group settings and where he could meet people with similar problems.

Their efforts to find a suitable facility in South Africa were fruitless. The only homes which seemed to cater for someone like Bruce were prohibitively expensive.

Mrs Holmes's last option was to look to Britain which has wider facilities for the disabled. Also, as a British citizen, Bruce qualified for benefits under the National Health scheme.

Since July Bruce and his mum have been living in Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire. They stay in a community setting with other disabled people, visited regularly by nurses and social workers. Bruce is collected four times a week by an ambulance, to attend a community centre for disabled people.

Bruce has come a long way in the two years since the accident. But Ron and Marlene believe that his progress has started levelling off.

The neurosurgeon, in his latest assessment, said the paralysis in Bruce's left side would be permanent and he expected little improvement.

But, according to Ron, Bruce is happier and more settled in Britain. In December he is going to a hospital in Newcastle which offers some hope through further treatment and physiotherapy.

We can only hope and pray that medical science will one day find a happy ending to the story of brave Bruce Holmes.

* Despite his hardships, Bruce doesn't appear to have lost his sense of humour. A true rugby player at heart, Bruce still likes to call hockey players "moffies!"

Tvl drive nets 25 new Dalians

THANKS to an increase in boarders this year and those booked for 1991 after a nation-wide drive, Dale College expects to hold its own in numbers next year.

The college has been losing 25 boys a year due partly to fewer coming up from Dale Junior and the rippling effects of a drop in the white birth rate, says Headmaster Malcom Andrew. But these losses have been stemmed this year.

Dale College gained 25 boys this year, all boarders, but the roll of just over 460, including 208 boarders, is still well below the peak of more than 600 in 1986. Meanwhile the drive for boarders goes on.

There are about 50 boys at Paterson House now, but the hostel could take another 25. Sutton House with 46, Diocesan Hostel (51) and Joubert House (82) each need another ten boys.

An enthusiastic drive for more boarders by

the school, the Old Dalian Union and parents associations produced results this year. New boys have come mainly from Dale's Eastern Cape hinterland and particularly from East London, where Old Dalians Bill Beckley and Clifford (Chow) Bissell have been active.

During the June holidays Mr Andrew and Deputy Headmaster Des Gendall visited primary schools on the Witwatersrand and spoke to headmasters and pupils on the merits of attending boarding school.

Mr Andrew made a follow-up visit to the Transvaal in August. Advertisements placed in local newspapers in Edenvale, Benoni, Randburg, Roodepoort and Southern Johannesburg drew 45 interested parents to a meeting in Johannesburg. Mr Andrew also met parents privately. The result: 25 Transvaal applications to enter Dale next year.

By TRACI MACKIE

THE courage, determination and miraculous recovery of Dale's Stewart Maybery, who was paralysed from the waist down when he was injured in a rugby match, has touched the hearts of many — including some from Pretoria University.

The college front-ranker who made medical history when he walked out of Cape Town's Conradie Hospital after three months was presented at a Dale assembly with a plaque and a tie by a representative of the university rugby club.

Tukkie Professor A Botha presented the plaque, which read: To Stewart Maybery, for displaying exceptional guts.

Stewart, 19, who had started to prepare for his matriculation exam, said he was a little embarrassed by it all but thrilled with the gesture.

Mrs Anne-Marie Maybery, Stewart's mum, who kept a daily vigil at his hospital bedside for the first month, said: "It's nice that people who don't know Stewart very well feel so strongly about what he went through."

And, at emotional Dale College prize-giving ceremony in October, Headmaster Malcom Andrews presented Stewart with a special award "for courage."

The nightmare which turned into a dream come true started for the Maybery family in May this year when Stewart broke his neck in a match against Dale's traditional rivals, Selborne College. The match was played in East London which was a plus factor for Stewart, who was rushed onto the operating table at Frere Hospital soon after the scrum collapsed.

The orthopaedic surgeon who performed the operation was at the match and it was his quick action and no doubt Stewart's guts that enabled him to walk again.

It was when he was in a serious condition in intensive care with complications after the operation that Stewart started to fight for his recovery. Doctors had given him a slim chance of ever being able to walk. When he was strong enough he was flown to Cape Town on a Red Cross plane.

It was then that he made a statement on television and in national newspapers about schoolboy rugby and refereeing. The rules were changed while Stewart was in hospital.

"I approve of the new rules for school rugby," he said. "I think they will make the game a lot safer and enjoyable for players and spectators."

Stewart experienced many touching moments during his recovery. Not only Old Dalians but Old Queenians from Cape Town visited him at the spinal unit at Conradie.

Not a weekend would pass without a visit from a member of the family, a friend or acquaintance from King William's Town. Among the visitors were the Dalians who cycled from Cape Town to King for charity (see story below).

THE MAYBERY MIRACLE



WELCOME BACK: Stewart is led onto the field by his replacement, Bevan Venables

Stewart gets a Transvaal honour 'for guts' — and a Dale award 'for courage'

Stewart took bedside telephone calls from Old Dalians, parents and well-wishers scattered over the country. He had up to nine calls a day, sometimes whole families joining in long conversations.

"People I didn't even know prayed for me and visited and that helped me so much. Children at a school in Cape Town remembered me in their prayers at assembly. I think these are the things that kept my spirits high. My teachers even sent questionnaires and other schoolwork."

As a patient Stewart not only received but gave of himself too. He was described as the "most positive guy in his ward."

He befriended a British tourist who had broken her neck in a car accident and was paralysed. She was in South Africa without friends or family but Stewart was her support and comforter.

When he could move his arms he was given a wheelchair. He fed and helped patients who could do very little for themselves. He played table tennis from his wheelchair and went on a 2km ride on his own.

Then came a remarkable change in his condition. He discarded his wheelchair and walked on crutches. But within a week he had abandoned his crutches and walked unaided.

Stewart's return to Dale College was charged with emotion. He watched the Dale First XV play their final game of the season when they beat Selborne 28-3 to remain unbeaten.

After the game he was led on to the field by Bevan Venables, who had replaced him in the Dale front rank after he was injured. He joined other joyous Dale fans in the War Cry. In the heady atmosphere of Dale's hour of triumph there was hardly a dry eye among the King spectators.

Said Stewart: "I was very pleased I could be home to share in their victory."

Stewart's days at Conradie Hospital are not over yet for he has to return in the new year for a check-up. "They need to see me again because they want to write about my case in a medical journal," he said.

"Being in Cape Town made me realise how important my family and King William's Town are to me and when I consider it I don't think I'll ever leave here."

Throughout his traumatic ordeal King's hero held rugby in high esteem. Far from being bitter he wants to coach the game which brought him so much joy and yes, a lot of heartache.

What spurred his final fight-back? He overheard someone at Conradie say he would walk out of the hospital on crutches. He was determined to do it *without* crutches.

Stewart is a positive person who accepts any challenges. But it is clear that the support of his family, the people of King and the Dale Family all over South Africa gave him the will to "get up and go."

A visit in Cape hospital from Dale's charity cyclists

TWENTY Dalians, including Transvalers Jonathon Gill, Steve Atherton and Jody Foster, gave up part of their June holidays to raise R10 000 for the King William's Town Child and Family Welfare Society.

With the help of parents Ivor Penny, Chris Fick and Mick Webb, they trained and raised sponsorship for months before setting out from Cape Town to King William's Town on bicycles over four days.

The idea was the brain-child of Dale's headboy, Greg Webb, as a way of repaying the community for the support given to the college.

Greg, who was one of the cyclists, said the boys gained a lot from the tour. "We all became very close. Guys who didn't mix in the same groups at school have become good friends because we shared so much."

The boys motored to Cape Town with Mr Penny, Mr Webb, Mr Fick and two experienced cyclists, Old Dalian and parent Rob Cummings and Colin Whem, a friend of the college.

They visited Stewart Maybery in Conradie Hospital. Stewart would have been among the cyclists had it not been for his rugby injury.

He was nominated by the society's local chairman, Mr Justice Willem Heath, to read his letter of appreciation.

The boys, in outfits sponsored by a King sports shop and with bicycles lent by a Ciskei bicycle factory, were wished well on their way by Dale friends and Cape Town's deputy mayor.

It was pouring with rain and for their first leg to Riviersonderend they cycled in strong windy conditions. The boys took turns in cycling and outside Port Elizabeth they were interviewed by the regional station, Radio Algoa.

They were welcomed home by King William's Town's mayor, Mr Charles Webber, and representatives from the society.

The boys raised R16 500 but R6 500 was used for their expenses. Greg said the tour was difficult. "Sometimes we took a great deal of strain and as the week progressed we got very tired." They rode for about nine hours each day.

"To keep our spirits high we would hand out fines after supper," said Greg. "The fathers did not escape. Mr Penny's fine for something he did along the way was having to share a double bed with Mr Webb!" Joked Mr Penny: "He didn't even give me a good night kiss!"

The money will be used by the society's Child Protection Team which deals with child abuse. Part of it will go towards building a creche for underprivileged children. Greg said a similar tour was planned for next year.

UNBEATEN! BUT FOR THE CONQUERING HEROES



RECORD-BREAKER Luke Smith . . . classic balance. In one season, 207 points



ONE FOR PRETORIA: Stewart Maybery leaps in vain. Other Daliens: Steven Hall, Martin Moodie and Andre Wood



DALIAN DASH: Michael Woudberg follows up a kick ahead in the St Stithians festival game against Pretoria Boys' High. Dale won 27-6



DALIAN DOWN: Woud Smith, Matthew Maws

Dale's year of rug

THERE was jubilation among the hundreds of Dale rugby fans who watched their side beat Selborne in the last match of the season — but the players who earned the unbeaten title took days to realise their outstanding feat.

Captained by Andrew Bennet, a Stutterheim lad who boards at Paterson House, they were not only the first unbeaten Dale team since 1964; they went down in the record books as the most successful in the college's 90 years of rugby.

They were the first team to score 493 points in a single season. Of the 70 tries scored 43 were by the backs. This remarkable side only had 11 tries scored against them in the 20 games they played.

Luke Smith, the flyhalf, scored 207 points. This beat Bradley Osborne's record of the most points scored by a Dalian in a season. Transvaler Gavin Franken turned in 11 tries — the most for Dale in the season.

The first team coach, Mick Paterson, said the boys got together on the Sunday after the game and only then did their achievement hit home. "The last game was just like any other," he said.

Said Andrew Bennet, son of Mr and Mrs Trevor Bennet: "It didn't really sink in after the game that we were unbeaten, nor that we had given our traditional rivals, Selborne, a hiding."

Kingsley Hoar, son of Doug and Tessa Hoar from the Transvaal, who was sidelined with torn ligaments at the start of the game and only shared in his team victory when he returned from hospital at the final whistle, said the thought of being unbeaten was much better than achieving it.

Gavin Franken said it was on the cards at half-time that they would triumph over Selborne.

Said Andrew: "We were a bit worried because it was the last game, but our training session with (former Springbok forward) Schalk Burger helped

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us a lot. He told us the will to win must be stronger than the fear of losing. That perked the boys up."

Mick Paterson said it was necessary to bring in an outsider like Burger to help the forwards and tidy up the rough edges. He also helped the boys in the lineouts.

For Luke Smith it was a very special game. Luke left Selborne to attend Dale this year.

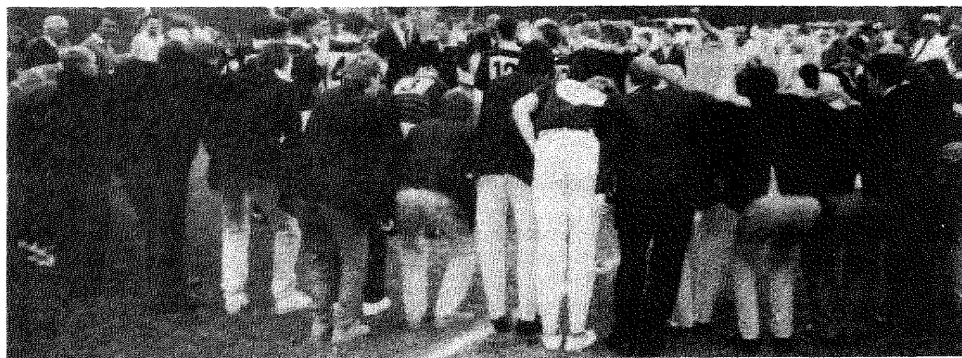
"I never came to Dale expecting to be part of an unbeaten team," he said. "I just came because I wanted to and I am glad I did. We beat Selborne in every aspect of the game — thank goodness! They chirped a lot before the game and it felt great when we won."

Stephen Smith, son of Mr and Mrs J A Smith of Brackenhurst, Alberton, said he only realised on the Sunday that they had come through a whole season without losing a game. "It was a wonderful feeling when it hit me."

What did stick in Andrew Bennet's mind straight after the victory match were the congratulatory remarks he received on the way to the dressing room.

"It took me half an hour to get there. Everyone was asking me how I felt. Being unbeaten was an added bonus to the team's goal of the season — to play the best rugby they could."

Said Mick Paterson: "Normally when everyone tries their best they come up with the results anyway. But it was never our goal to be unbeaten. The side developed a nice thirst to win. I never pushed the issue at practices. The emphasis was on enjoying the game."



THE WAR CRY: Dale supporters form a victory ring after the game against Kearsney College

THE UNBEATEN POPES

DEPUTY Headboy Stephen Pope is the third in the Pope family to figure in an unbeaten Dale team.

Stephen, who won cricket honours this year, played three games for the Dale XV.

His father Charlie captained the unbeaten 1964 team and his grandfather Stanley played in the 1934 side captained by C B Jennings, who later became a Springbok. Gordon Eekhout captained the other unbeaten Dale team in 1938.

IT TOOK DAYS TO SINK IN AFTER THAT FINAL GAME



Iberg grounded. Daliens Martin Moodie, Luke son, Jonathan Staples, Andrew Bennet race up

by glory

Andrew said team fitness contributed a lot to the team's success.

Said Gavin, whose parents Mr and Mrs N E Franken live in Bedfordview, near Johannesburg: "The pressure mounted as we won more and more games and people would come up and ask us if we were going to win before each game."

Stewart Maybery's serious injury during the first Selborne game in May brought the team closer together. It took them a while to settle down immediately after the incident. Said Kingsley: "We were worried about Stewart and it took us well into the second half to play well."

Mick Paterson paid tribute to Andrew's ability as a captain: "He was an outstanding leader who always commanded the respect of his players and the opposition. Many a referee commented on his astute leadership and maturity."

But what makes a winning team? Their greatest asset, said Mick, was that the side played 15-man rugby: thinking, controlled rugby which they achieved through preparation, mental approach, guts, determination and loyalty."

The coach is surely also an important team member. Andrew said Mr Paterson was never forceful but got the best results at all times.

"He would put suggestions to us and it was up to us to make up our minds as to whether or not we would carry them out. He made practices enjoyable and would always crack a joke when the going got tough. He never downed anyone and gave us incredible support emotionally."

The St Stithians festival in Randburg was a highlight of the season. The Reunion performance against Queens College was magnificent, said Mick.

"It was the highest score (33-0) for Dale against Queens since 1927. Our 28-3 victory over Selborne in the last game was the highest against them since 1975."

Andrew Bennet, Steven Hatley, Luke Smith, Martin Moodie, Andre Wood and Steven Hall played for Border Schools in the Craven Week in Durban. Robin Knott, Matthew Mawson and Jonathan Staples represented Border in the Project Week in East London.

And what's in store for next season? Several players will be back and Mick Paterson will be there as coach for another season.

Andrew, a post-matric this year, predicts a good season and is certain that those from the unbeaten First XV who will not wear the crested heron next year will be there in spirit and full support.

* Andrew Bennet, Steven Hatley, Luke Smith and Martin Moodie were awarded honours and the rest of the regular players received colours.



HAPPINESS: After a great season jubilant coach Mick Paterson shares a joke with unbeaten first-teamers Stephen Smith, Andrew Bennet, Kingsley Hoar, Gavin Franken and Luke Smith

It all began in the Transvaal

THE TRANSVAAL provided the first test for the Dale first rugby team which were to end the season in triumph.

For the second year running Dale were unbeaten in the St Stithians festival — one of the showpieces of South African schoolboy rugby.

And once again Old Daliens and parents turned out in strength to cheer the team and impress supporters from local schools.

In Easter 1989 Dale won two matches at Randburg and drew one and were the only unbeaten side: this year they won all three, but shared the honour with King Edwards.

Dale captain Andrew Bennet said the tour — which began with a 28-9 victory over Westville — was "a tough one for us. We had a reputation to uphold and a record to keep intact."

Dale had played a scrappy game against Kearsney — "the backs and forwards did not combine well... We scraped home (12-6)."

Of the Pretoria High game, which Dale won 27-6 after being down 3-6 at half-time, he commented: "We played good open rugby."

Andrew was impressed by the support given to the team by parents and Old Daliens.

"The supporters were great and cheerful," he said. "Old boys and parents rose to the occasion and sang for us. Dale supporters drowned the rest with their cheering."

● In Port Elizabeth, Old Daliens, parents and friends gave the Dale First XV tremendous support at the Cape Schools Week in June.

"Our supporters were once again the envy of all the schools as we clearly had the largest contingent present," wrote coach Mick Paterson, who accompanied the team with the manager, Deon Boshoff.

In the three games played Dale won two (13-6 against Rondebosch and 15-9 against SACS) and drew 13-all with Paarl Gymnasium in "a titanic struggle."

Mick said the boys enjoyed the week tremendously. "Their Old Dalian hosts went out to make their stay in PE as pleasant as possible."



LINEOUT STAR Steven Hall takes brilliant ball at No 4. Other Dale players: Martin Moodie, and Andrew Bennet

WHY I TOOK THE PLUNGE

● My career had hit a stalemate

DALE JUNIOR's former headmaster, Roy Taylor, may have exchanged red and black for pink but he still has Dale very much at heart.

Roy, whose resignation shocked many, told TransDale his reasons for leaving the teaching profession to join Sun Properties, a real estate agency in King William's Town whose pink marketing gimmick has tickled many.

The company has a bright pink combi, stationery, an electric neon sign and advertisements. Roy even sports pink shirts to the office to match his female partner who is also clad in pink daily.

Not only did Roy take the plunge; his wife Sue opened a coffee shop cum restaurant. When Roy is not running around selling houses, he helps Sue at her popular eating place — Squirrels.

Free enterprise was the Taylors' obvious choice when they decided to leave Dale. When Roy spent a year teaching in Australia in 1988 they battled financially on his South African salary and had to make ends meet in other ways.

"I cut hair for ten dollars a cut, Sue worked nights at a catering business and Danny got a part in the National Aida at the Sydney Stadium for which he was paid seven dollars an hour."

This popular Dale headmaster of ten years, who also taught there for another eight, had reached a stalemate in his career when he returned from Australia.

Teaching at a private school there had changed his views which were difficult for him to enforce when he returned to South Africa.

"I became part of a multi-cultured system there and I found I grew with the children. I returned here and felt stifled; that our society was too conformative.

"During my year there I had enjoyed being back in the classroom. In the beginning I thought I was never going to cope with the discipline. At first I thought the kids were really unruly but soon realised it was their openness and frankness.

"It's not that there is no freedom in teaching in South Africa, it is our whole society. I myself had become part of that conformed society over the years and I had to go overseas to become aware of my conformed ways.

"I was so prescriptive, so rigid. We expect children to do everything our way. They should be given the chance to experiment more, fail more and learn from that.

"Children should be given the chance to develop their talents and creativeness instead of what we want from them.



IN THE PINK: Roy and Sue ... called by free enterprise

By ROY TAYLOR

... talking to TRACI MACKIE

"When I got back we tried to institute this and Dale has gone a long way to give their pupils those opportunities. It is wonderful to see this being done there now.

"There are other reasons.

"I just couldn't see myself sitting in the same position for another ten years, nor could I imagine myself as an inspector or in an administrative post in the education department.

"I also didn't want to leave Dale or King William's Town to become headmaster of another school, because I love Dale. And if I was going to stay in teaching that was where I wanted to be."

In 1989 Roy attended a teachers' conference where he learnt that his future was blocked unless he furthered his studies.

"My 20 years of experience meant nothing. There's no better teacher than an experienced one."

● After Australia I felt stifled

Roy realised that it was time to look towards new horizons. He was asked to try real estate and Sue decided to live her dream and open a coffee shop. The Taylors' son, Danny, also had a change in store. He went to a private school in Grahams-town, St Andrews.

"He was part of Scott's College in Sydney, a private school," said Roy. "When we came back to South Africa we wanted to give him the opportunity to continue in a school system to which he had become accustomed.

"St Andrews was our obvious choice because Sue's family had been pupils there. He has found tremendous happiness there."

Their younger son Andrew will join his brother there when he starts senior school next year.

Roy was himself educated at Queens College, Queenstown. What attracts Roy to Queens' traditional rival? Many wonder.

"I was at Queens from Standard Three until matric. My father, Dummy, became Headmaster of Dale Junior in 1962 when I was in matric. He retired in 1976."

Roy first taught at Grey High School in Port Elizabeth for four years before he took a post at Dale. He was Headmaster at Central Primary in King William's Town before he was appointed Deputy Principal of Grey in January 1980, but left to go to back to Dale Junior as head in the same year.

"I was at Dale for a total of 18 years and at Queens for eight. I think that makes one part of the system, and Dale will always be a part of me."

Changing their way of life in a year has not only been exciting for the Taylor family, but frightening at times and a great learning experience.

On the whole it's been a great move. But Roy misses one thing terribly — his boys. Overcome with emotion, he talks about a part of his life he holds very dear.

"My first love was and always will be children and I miss being part of their lives. I will always have contact with the boys. Some pop up to my office to see if I've sold any houses and to have a cool drink with me. I will always follow the school's activities with great interest.

"Roger Budler was my deputy and is a very good friend. He is an outstanding headmaster. He has made adjusting easier for me because he includes me in all that is happening at Dale. I know with him that my school is in great hands."

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Super sportsman

SOME outstanding sportsmen have been at the helm of the Old Dalian Union since 1923, but the 68th National President, 53-year-old William Stephen (Buster) Farrer, brings a unique record of sporting versatility and achievement to the office — as well as other admirable qualities.

The multi-talented Buster is a Double Springbok, only the second from the Border — and one of only three to have played cricket and hockey for South Africa. He has represented his province, Border, at six different sports, cricket, hockey, tennis, squash, golf and table tennis.

Earlier this year Buster played squash in Britain on tour with an over-50 years South African team.

Only one other Old Dalian Springbok sportsman has been National President of the ODU before Buster Farrer: CB (Cecil Bruce) Jennings, who toured Australia and New Zealand with the great 1937 rugby side and played in the first Test against the All Blacks at Wellington.

Buster played in six cricket tests against New Zealand — three in SA, 1962 and three in NZ, 1964. He scored 221 runs, with a highest score of 40, an average of 27,62.

On tour with Trevor Goddard's Springboks in Australia and New Zealand in 1963-64 Buster scored 774 runs (with two centuries) at an average of 43 runs.

Buster played in all three Tests in New Zealand and acquitted himself well. He did not play in any of the five Tests against Australia, though he might well have played in two of the matches. As a member of the tour selection committee, he voted in favour of another player when he could have ensured his own place.

Such sporting chivalry does not surprise anyone who knows Buster Farrer: a true-blue sportsman and gentleman on and off the fields and the courts.

Buster's self-sacrificing sportsmanship in Australia was summed up by cricket writer Dick Whittington, who reported on the 1963-64 tour for major SA newspapers:

"If Buster Farrer is not remembered as one of the stars of the Goddard tour of Australia, he should be remembered as one of the most unselfish players who ever toured any country with a cricket team. The Farrers of this world are rare people."

Whittington's sentiments have been widely endorsed by many sportsmen and others who have known the exemplary influence which has always typified Buster Farrer, the man for all seasons.

Buster was 18 in December 1954, and awaiting



* LES GARDNER, King William's Town's King of Scribes, went to Dale from 1921 to 1922. He was National President of the Old Dalian Union in 1958 and Editor of The Mercury from 1954-78.

Here he pays tribute to the new ODU National President, Dale's legendary Double Springbok, Buster Farrer. Les, who began writing sport in 1935, is now living in retirement in Pinetown, Natal — and still writing.



BUSTER and MAUREEN . . . down the years a tower of strength behind him

Gentleman Buster Farrer pads up for a new innings — as the No 1 Old Dalian

the results of the matric exam when he made his first-class cricket debut with an innings of 77 for Border against North-Eastern Transvaal.

At Dale he had captained the school First XI and played for Border Schools at two Nuffield Week tournaments.

Buster was capped for Border at tennis when still at Dale. Two years after leaving school he spent six months of 1956 playing tennis on an overseas tour which included several matches at the Wimbledon championships.

On his return to South Africa, Buster spent three years in the sports goods business in Johannesburg and during this time he concentrated on tennis. At one time he was ranked No 7 in South Africa.

Back in his home town, King, in 1959, Buster was soon into his talented cricketing stride as a hard-hitting right-handed batsman with a wide range of strokes and the temperament to complement his skills. He was an excellent fielder too, with an accurate throw-in.

In the next 13 years Buster became the Border's No 1 cricketer and the province's first Springbok for 35 years.

When he played for South Africa in three hockey internationals against Rhodesia and Australia

in the early 1970's Buster Farrer became the first Old Dalian Double Springbok and only the second produced by the Border.

Buster captained Border cricket teams in 23 provincial matches from 1961 to 1969. In his 15 years for Border (1954/69), he set batting records that may never seriously be challenged.

In all first-class cricket he made 4815 runs (average 43,37) and in provincial games his aggregate was 3006 (average 44,86) — both Border bests. His 10 first-class centuries (eight for Border) is a record, and he is the only Border player to hit two double-centuries (207/211).

Buster's 888 runs (average 66,42) with two centuries in Currie Cup matches in 1962-63 is a Border record and earned him a Cricketer of the Year Award by the Official SA Cricket Annual.

When leading a South African XI against the New Zealanders in East London in 1961, Buster scored 147 not out — then beat this Border record with his 154 against the Australians in 1970.

He and his charming wife Maureen were married on August 13, 1960, and she has been a tower of strength in supporting Buster throughout his great sporting career, his years of work for the

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100-year anniversary honour for Dale's Sutton family

THE SUTTON family, descendants of two Dale headmasters, were honoured at the 1990 Reunion to mark the 100th anniversary of the arrival at Dale College of the Rev J G (Bob) Sutton in 1890.

Eighteen family members, including wives and husbands, travelled to King William's Town from the Transvaal, the Cape, Port Elizabeth and Fort Beaufort.

The visitors were guests at various functions, including the Reunion assembly, where tribute was paid to the two headmasters by the then ODU National President, Roger Budler, the ODU dinner and the memorial service.

The family returned to the school an illuminated address presented in 1919 to the Rev F J (Tanner) Sutton on his homecoming from overseas service in the First World War. Mr Sutton succeeded his father as headmaster and the Sutton era at Dale spanned 47 years.

The boys of Sutton House, the original 125-year-old Dale College building, entertained the visitors to breakfast and presented them with a Paulette Wheatly picture of their ancestral home, signed by the staff and boarders.

Also honoured at the Reunion were the Dale matric class of 1980.

Ex-teacher Mick Bissell is the new Transvaal ODU chairman

MICK BISSELL, former Johannesburg teacher turned businessman, is the new chairman of the Transvaal branch of the Old Dalian Union.

He succeeds Mike Mourant, a former ODU National President who held the chair for a year and is now secretary/treasurer. The annual general meeting elected one committee member, Kurt Frauenstein.

The branch meets on the first Tuesday of the month at First National Bank, North City Corporate branch, Second Floor, American International House, cnr Biccard and Stiemens Street, Braamfontein.

Mick, 44, a former Deputy Headmaster of Westridge High School, Johannesburg, is now marketing manager of Masterplanners Business Furniture Systems, owned by Douglas Troxler, who was a prefect with him at Joubert House in 1964. His telephone numbers are 883-3530 (work) and 793-4578 (home).

Mike's numbers are: 403-2074 (work) and 453-7255 (home). Kurt is on 973-1415 (work) and 476-5578 (home). The code for all is 011.

During the year ended August 1990 the branch donated R600 to the Old Dalian Union and R3 000 to Dale for an open stand on the A Field which carries a signboard reading "Old Dalian Union — Transvaal branch."

Events planned for the coming year include a stag evening on November 9 at the Rosebank Hotel, Johannesburg.

I found the spirit of Dale at Reunion

By ODETTE SEDICE

ABOUT two years ago I decided to send my son as a boarder to Dale College. Our farewell at the beginning of last year, as he walked away to a different life and its new opportunities and promises, was much the same as that of other mothers and sons saying their goodbyes — tears from me and 12-year-old bravado from him.

Although my husband and I have brought Wayne home to Edenvale in the Transvaal at every opportunity to spend laughter-filled days hearing about his classroom antics, wacky friends and sports field achievements, there are days when I wonder if I made the right choice.

There are nights when I cry myself to sleep, knowing that I will never share the events that will shape my son's development into manhood.

However, after attending the 1990 Dale Reunion, I have found that proverbial "peace of mind."

As "new" Dale parents, Brett and I were excited to be joining Wayne in his school environment, but were a little apprehensive: not being Old Dalians ourselves, we were unsure about what was expected of us.

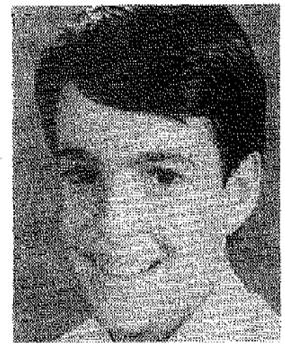
Reunion turned out to be a celebration of togetherness. Past and present Dalians, as well as adopted Dalian parents like ourselves, spent the weekend enjoying the camaraderie that has grown from being influenced by the Dale College tradition.

A hopeless romantic, I was touched by the loyalty past Dalians still have for their school. Listening to a group of about 26 past pupils, all of whom matriculated 30 years ago, reminisce



● A Transvaal parent, former Springbok diver and provincial hockey player tells how she discovered the spirit of the Dale Family on her first visit to a Reunion.

Now Odette has no doubts about her decision to send her son Wayne to Dale.



about their Dale days gave me goose bumps.

I gave up trying to count the faces of pupils who matriculated in my time and was content just to listen to their enthusiastic approach to life.

Being a Transvaal parent, I have had to rely on master's report cards to keep track of Wayne's academic achievements, which have improved greatly at Dale. But from my son's accounts, his sporting career was still very much on track.

Once at Dale, I soon realised how much I had missed seeing him and his friends on the sports fields. During Reunion weekend I attended as many sporting events as I could cheering my son and his fellow Dalians until I was hoarse.

We also relaxed with other parents over a glass of wine in the evenings and heard Old Dalians relate highlights of their day.

For two days we were privileged to be included in and help strengthen that special bond which is

an integral part of Dale culture.

During the memorial service on the Sunday I cried again, but for the last time. Unlike the tears which I have shed over the past year, these were not tears of uncertainty and fear, but tears of happiness and gratitude.

My son will forever have a friend, a friend that is Dale College and its pupils.

And, as if to cement my new attitude, Patrick, my son's best friend, ran after our car as we began our journey home. Panting at my window, he held out a flower and thanked us for coming to the Reunion. He said it was a pleasure to have met us.

It was a pleasure to have met you Patrick and an honour to have met your fellow Dalians. Please take care of my son.

* Odette Sedice also has a daughter Tanya, happily settled at Kaffrarian High School.

Dale parent caterers are still 'top dogs' in raising funds

CATERING is still the top money spinner of the Transvaal Dale parents' association.

This year the association raised R12 000 at two shows alone - the Transvaal Kennel Club Epol Supreme and the Goldfield Kennel Club Dogmor Dog of the Year. This is the first time Dale parents have catered at these shows.

A big hand for those parents who toil at shows from 6am till the show ends, sometimes at 6pm, and occasionally two days running, to raise funds for Dale.

Fifty two parents worked over the two days of the Goldfields show and 21 were at the one-day Supreme.



WILLING WORKERS: Gerald and Jannie Brown and their Dalian son Eric

Congratulations, you Transvalers!

TRANSVAAL Dalians have performed well on the sportsfields and in cultural activities this year and brought home awards. These included:

RUGBY: Gavin Franken, Stephen Smith and Kingsley Hall (colours). Timothy Webb also played some matches for the First XV.

CRICKET: Miles Maurant, Justin Mitchell and Gavin Franken (half colours).

SWIMMING: Eric Brown (colours).

WATER POLO: Hilton Fortmann, Kingsley Hoar (half colours).

GOLF: Miles Maurant (half colours).

ATHLETICS: Timothy Webb (colours).

DRAMA: Greg Hains (colours)

Congratulations to these boys and also to Kevin Efun, who obtained A averages (more than 80 pc in the Std 8 exams in June and September.

Well done, too, Robin Dauncey, a former Transvaler, who also achieved this, and Gregory Overend, who obtained 83,4 pc in September.

THE FARRER FLAIR FOR SPORT

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Old Dalian Union and in the sports business which he directs.

Their Old Dalian sons, Michael and Colin, have inherited the Farrer flair for cricket, squash and other sports. They have made good headway with the promise of more achievements to follow.

Buster and Maureen recently became grandparents through a son born to their daughter, Lynn (Mrs David Wood).

Buster's father, 83-year-old Stephen (Cocky) Farrer, is an Old Dale Primary boy and served for 20 years on the Dale College School Committee. He is a former Border cricket captain and tennis player. Buster's late mother, Mrs Norah Farrer, was a South African junior singles tennis champion as a schoolgirl and later represented Border for some years.

Bernard Eric Farrer, Buster's grandfather, was a music master at Dale and organist at the Anglican Church early in the century.

Younger brother Eric is a former Border and Border Country Districts cricketer and managed the King William's Town and District team which won the recent South African club championship in Johannesburg.

Buster Farrer's elevation to National President of the ODU for 1990-91 follows his seven years of dedicated service as honorary secretary and his other valued contributions as a member of the National Executive Committee at King William's Town. He has also served on the Dale Junior School Committee.

Be sure that Buster's innings as the No 1 Old Dalian will be marked by the same loyalty, determination, sound judgment and other admirable qualities he has shown as the Border's No 1 Sportsman - and as one of South Africa's most versatile players of games.

In every respect Buster Farrer is admirably equipped to build on the splendid traditions that mark the aspirations and achievements of the Old Dalian Union.

From golf to tennis ... bowls and squash ... and bridge too!



GOLF WINNERS R Patrick and R Moolman with the S A Oil Mills Trophy, Peter Shirley and King PTA chairman Jenny Moodie

R6 000! FAMILY FUN DAY SETS ANOTHER RECORD

ONCE again it was a record! Transvaal parents raised more than R6 000 at the 1990 family sports day at Benoni Country Club.

The annual function was held over Easter when many people were away and fewer Dale boarders were home as the weekend did not fall this year during the first term holiday. Attendances by competitors were slightly down, but the committee made up for this by canvassing a record number of sponsorships.

Next year's tournament will NOT be held over Easter but on a Sunday during the first-term holidays.

King William's Town visitors included Headmasters Andy Andrew and Roger Budler, PTA chairman Jenny Moodie, Dale teachers and Old Dalians.

The golf competition was keenly contested. First prize of the SA Oil Mills Trophy and a pair of Super Skimmers went to visitors R Patrick and R Moolman, who nominated Joubert House to hold the trophy for 1990.

The trophy was presented to them by Peter Shirley, a former Transvaal parents' committee member. The winners scored 44 points in a better ball stableford competition. The Super Skimmers were donated by Sergercy, whose managing director, Donald Searle, is the son of a former Dale headmaster, the late Russell Searle. With these went togbags from Safren.

Second were that formidable golfing couple, Dale parents Mike and Denise Maurant, winners on a count-out with 43 points from another family team, ex-former Dale parent Bob Worth and his son Glen. The Maurants won two oil paintings donated by Alan Efune, a Dale parent, and two Hyperama vouchers and the Worths took home tapes from EMI as well as Hyperama vouchers.

Fourth prize went to those redoubtable Old Dalians Bruce Mitchell and Dave Ellwood, who won paint from Plascon arranged by Dale parent Leo Peters.

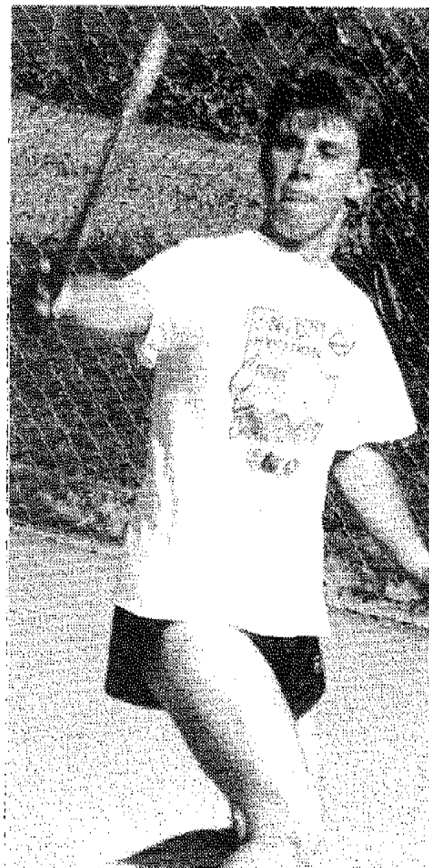
The best gross was scored by Ian Matheson and his partner P Versfeld, who took home liqueur and glasses donated by Mike Maurant of First National Bank and a Nestle hamper donated by Old Kingswoodian Trevor Clayton. Ian hit the men's longest drive.

From King, Roger Budler, then Old Dalian Union National President, and former ODU President Syd Knott, better known and clearly more proficient as a cricketer, were proud winners of the Most Golf (points regrettably not recorded).

Roger redeemed himself by winning the prize for nearest the pin at the third hole. Wally Brockett, a regular supporter of the golf competition, was nearest at the 12th.

The ladies nearest-the-pin prizes were won by I Leys and Vicky Dagnel, a former Dale parent.

Daphne Yelseth, a Dale parent and regular prize-winner, hit the ladies longest drive. She and her partner L Roodt won the sixth prize of a weekend at a Sun International hotel.



TENNIS WINNER: Transvaal Dalian Stephen Smith ... taking time off from the St Stithians rugby festival

A wide range of prizes donated by well-wishers went far down the field.

Tennis winners were Tessa Hoar, a Dale parent, two Dale First XV players, Stephen Smith and Kingsley Hoar, both Transvalers, Brian Ayres, then parents' chairman, and his Dalian son Warrick and Fred Switala, a stalwart Transvaal Dale parent.

They won a selection of prizes donated by

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BRIDGE WINNERS Peter White, Rita Pomeranatz, Denise Krauss and Nan White

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RICHARD BLADES



THE GREAT TRANSSVAAL FUN DAY

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MOST GOLF: King visitors Roger Budler and Sid Knott scoop the booby prize

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TENNIS WINNER: Transvaal parent Tessa Hoar



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Melrose (cheeses), Tastic Rice, Roodepoort Toyota (tobags), UTC (beermugs) and Mitco Tools (T-shirts).

The bridge section introduced last year was well supported. Prize-winners included Peter and Nan White, Denise Krauss and Rita Pomerantz.

Bowls winners were Andy Andrew, the Headmaster, Dion Boshoff, a Dale teacher, Jock Wright, a Dale Junior teacher, Rob Henson, Graham Nolan, Diocesan Hostel superintendent, Bill

Beckley, East London parent and ODU executive member, Doug Hoar, a Transvaal parent, and Mick Paterson, Dale Vice-Principal, First XV coach and superintendent of Sutton House.

Their prizes were donated by Gilbeys (liquor hamper) Nestle (tog bag) and Xeratech and Thru-tainers (pens) and Tastic Rice.

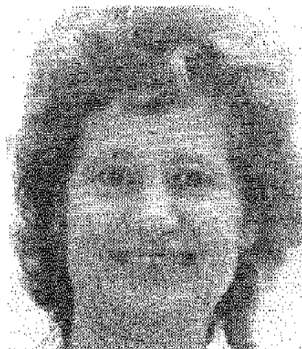
Squash prizes presented by Alan Efune (painting), Xeratech (tracksuit) and Standard Bank (togbag) went to Craig Smith, a Dalian, Jill Meyer, sister of two Old Dalians, and George Smith, a Dale parent.



Bowls winner: Bill Beckley



Longest drive: Daphne Yelseth



Nearest the pin: Vicky Dagnel



Bowls winner: Jock Wright

Salute the King of SA club cricket

DALE COLLEGE was well represented in the King William's Town and District team which took South African cricket by storm in the recent national club championships at the Wanderers, Johannesburg.

The team which beat Kepler Wessels's University of Port Elizabeth side by five wickets in the final was managed by Eric Farrer, an Old Dalian and former Border and Border Country Districts player.

Another Old Dalian, Ray Ranger, despite a duck in the final, performed well earlier and was rated one of the successes of the team, which also included Dalian star Stephen Pope, son of Old Dalian Charlie Pope.

Another King player, Donald Knott, son of former Border bowler and ex-ODU National President Sid Knott, spent part of his schooldays at Dale. Former Transvaal Colt Andrew Lawson, who played an outstanding innings of 81 in the final, is the son of an Old Dalian, Malcolm Lawson, who played for Border Schools and now lives in Johannesburg.

Former Dale star Bradley Osborne, a regular

in the King and Border XI in past seasons, missed the championships. He was still abroad with his wife Wendy after playing in the Lancashire league during the English summer.

With nation-wide TV and newspaper coverage the Budget Rent-a-Car championships appear to have put King back on the cricket map.

Commented the Sunday Times's Terry Baron, a former Sportswriter of the Year: "Five days of 55-over cricket is tougher than a Test match so there's no way King William's Town can be called the Cabbage Patch Kids."

Proud Kingites might, however, cavil at his description of their borough as "the little hamlet outside Ciskei."

Hats off to the "country cousins" from the old Frontier town who, as one scribe put it, embarrassed their "supposed-to-be-slick big city brethren."

* King were the only unbeaten side in the round robin series before the final against UPE. It was their fourth successive attempt in the club finals.

DALE CRICKETERS IN FINE FORM

THE DALE first cricket team are having an outstanding season. This exceptionally good side have lost only one game since the start of the fourth term in 1989.

At the Cape Schools Week in the September holidays they beat Kimberley Boys' High, Wynberg, Plumstead and drew with Bishops. Since then they have beaten Tarkastad club, Queens and St Andrews and drawn with Selborne.

Both the first water polo and hockey teams have also had a very good year.

Farewell, Gardners

WENDY Gardner, senior secretary at Dale College for ten years, and her husband, Professor Brian Gardner, have moved to Alice. Prof Gardner, who played an active role in Dale affairs while living in King William's Town, has become Rector of the University of Fort Hare.

In a letter to parents Headmaster Malcolm Andrew paid tribute to Mrs Gardner's admirable service to the school.

NEVILLE and GILL HAWKES: Together

POPULAR ex-Transvaal parents Neville (Mossie) and Gill Hawkes died within a month of each other.

Neville, who was National President of the Old Dalian Union during 1986 — the school's 125th anniversary year — died of a heart attack in East London on December 17 last year. He was 49.

He and Gill were preparing to travel to Australia by sea with their Old Dalian son Neville and daughter Angela and Gill's parents. They were to visit Gill's sister Kay and her husband Ray Radloff, also an Old Dalian.

Despite being seriously ill Gill determinedly went ahead with the trip, but her condition deteriorated and she could not continue the voyage on the Achille Laura when it reached Mauritius. She was taken ashore and died there in a clinic on January 18.

Neville lived in East London for most of his life. He and Gill spent five years in Johannesburg where they were staunch members of the Transvaal Dale parents' committee for three and a half years.

In 1983 they returned to East London where he became sales manager of T W Beckett, the coffee and tea company he served for more than 25 years.

Neville and Gill last visited the Rand in June 1986 and played bowls at the Fun Day.

At Dale, which he attended from 1954 to 1958, Neville was a school and house prefect, was awarded colours for cricket and rugby and was a shot-putter in the first athletics team. He was a Border Nuffield cricketer.

A jolly, buoyant couple, Neville and Gill were much loved in Dale Family circles in the Transvaal. Gill was known as a "hostess with the mostest" and parent and Old Dalian functions were held frequently at their Greenside home.

Roy Taylor, close friend and former Headmaster of Dale Junior, said: "Mossie was a wonderful person. He loved Dale and he loved people."

"He was jovial, kind and always ready to help the person next to him if he could."

Young Neville Hawkes, who matriculated at Dale in 1981, is studying at Rhodes University to be an accountant. Angela is due to matriculate this year in East London.

Mossie also leaves a sister Daphne, married to John Jefferies, a Kei Mouth farmer. The Hawkes family has strong Dale connections. Elder brother Malcolm, the "first Mossie" — whose Old Dalian son Anton and is now in the army — is a prominent member of the ODU in Durban.

A third brother Cecil (also Mossie), who has two boys at Dale and an elder Old Dalian son in the army, has recently moved to King.



MOSSIE and GILL . . . much loved

ANTON LINDE: Polo and rugby star

OLD DALIAN sportsman Anton Linde, member of a well-known King family, died on October 17 after being injured in a car accident in the town. He was 23.

Anton and John Brito, 30, captain of the Alberts Cricket Club in King, who was driving the car, died in intensive care in the Frere Hospital, East London.

Old Dalian Colin Farrer, 23, a passenger, who is the son of ODU National President Buster Farrer and his wife Maureen, survived with a broken hand, cuts and bruises.

Anton was the son of Old Dalian Jan and Viv Linde and the brother of Andre, Dion, Russell and Chris Linde, all educated at Dale. He was engaged to Karen Schroeder of East London.

Anton recently returned from Port Elizabeth to open a restaurant in King. He matriculated in 1984 from Dale where he played first team rugby and water polo. He played water polo for Border.

Family friend Mick Webb described Anton as an outstanding sportsman well liked and trusted by the King community.

"He was very caring and earned the respect from his fellow players in the water polo team," he said. "Many of them are schoolboys and their parents always felt Anton could be trusted to look after the younger players."

LEYDEN and JONATHON: Tragic boys who loved their school

DALIANS and townspeople mourned the deaths this year of two boys who loved their school.

* Matric pupil Leyden Changfoot, who was born with a heart condition, had his first bypass operation when he was two and his second at the Johannesburg Hospital. He was recovering with his family and friends in Johannesburg, but was re-admitted to hospital after his condition worsened. He died two days later in a coma.

At his request Leyden was buried in his school uniform and the cortege drove past Dale College on the way to the cemetery.

The Headmaster, Malcom Andrew, said

Leyden was a first-class student and a hard worker, fully involved in his school.

"Despite his heart condition, he played hockey and tennis until he was last at school in October 1989. He was also interested in debating and drama."

"He never hurled in the towel. He never used his illness as an excuse."

Leyden's mother, Mrs Dee Changfoot, praised the staff of the hospital and Dale College for their support. "Leyden loved his school and could not wait to become an Old Dalian," she said.

* Seven-year-old Jonathon Gombert, a Sub A pupil at Dale Junior, died of cancer at

BRUCE AND KAY GORDON: Together

BRUCE GORDON, an Old Dalian and teacher at Dale College before the Second World War, died in Cape Town in May, aged 85. His wife Kay passed away a week later.

They settled in the Cape after Mr Gordon retired as Chief Inspector of Schools for the Cape Education Department. Earlier he was Rector of Grey High School in Port Elizabeth for 14 years.

Mr Gordon was born in King William's Town and matriculated from Dale in 1922. He graduated B A (Ed) at Rhodes University in 1925 and later obtained his master's degree for a thesis on the rise and development of East London as a port.

He taught at Queens College until 1927 and then took a post at Dale, where he was an excellent teacher and an enthusiastic organiser of athletics championships. He also coached Dale rugby and cricket teams and captained the Alberts Rugby Club in 1932.

In 1939 he became Principal of Butterworth High School and in 1943 moved to Grey High School, where he soon became known as "Flash" by his pupils. He became chief inspector in 1957, a year after overseeing the Grey centenary celebrations.

During Bruce Gordon's career as a teacher, rector and inspector, Kay was a devoted and supportive wife, always behind her husband in his endeavours.

Mr and Mrs Gordon leave a daughter Mrs Anne Legge, of Camps Bay, Cape, and a son Glen.

PETER CREESE Lifesaver honoured

FISH HOEK has named the road running the length of its beach the Peter Creese Way — after an outstanding Old Dalian lifesaver and sportsman.

Peter was a pupil at Dale Junior from 1964 to 1971 and at Dale College for a year before his parents moved to the Cape. He died earlier this year.

He had been a member of the Fish Hoek Surf Lifesaving Club since 1973 when he was just 14. He continued to serve the club with dedication till his death, aged 31.

The club has established the Peter Creese Memorial Trust Fund in his honour to promote its work and provide a community service to those who use the beach and bay.

home in King William's Town in June. He first became ill when he was five and underwent surgery and chemotherapy for tumours on the brain and the spinal cord.

The people of King opened their hearts to Jonathon after a fund was launched by Dale Junior Headmaster Roger Budler and the Rev James Hoyle of the Anglican Church. This enabled his mother to take time off from work to be with Jonathon.

Mrs Sharon Gombert said it was heart-breaking how much Jonathon loved Dale. "The people have been wonderful through his illness. It's true what they say about it being a Dale family."

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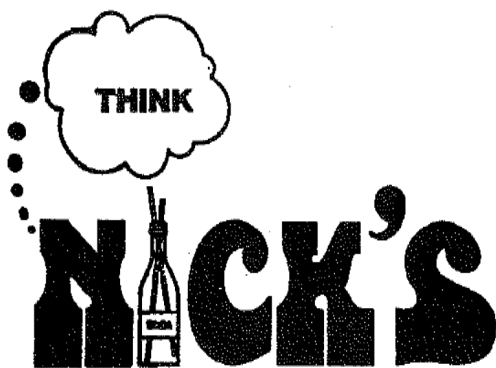
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